**2020/21 EACCL Season**

**March 31st - Virtual race 10 - Final race of season**

So after the strangest season since foot and mouth we got to the final race of the season. As a treat the covid-19 restrictions were reduced just in time so that we could enjoy the company of a few friends, six at maximum, still socially distanced. The sun was shining and it was warm, what a treat for the day. Some of us even had the pleasure of venturing to Catton Park where in normal times we would have held the last race of the season and the presentation.

Thank you all for participating in the virtual league and we hope it has helped inspire you through challenging times to keep motivated, bung on your trainers and head out for some fresh air. As usual I'd like to thank Bobbie and Jon for helping make this all possible.

I'll post details how you can purchase a perfect 10 trophy for all those who completed all 10 races. Unfortunately as we didn't charge league fees this season we are unable to provide awards, fingers crossed for next season and more normality. Enjoy the spring and summer, we'll be doing a spring/summer virtual league, see the home page under "News" for details. We may try some bits and pieces during these races as the restrictions lift to try and get us together and trial any changes we may need to adhere to next season. Hope to see you soon and watch this space or the Facebook page.

[Race 10 results](https://eaccl.webs.com/21.03.31-EACCL%20Race%2010%20final%20race.xlsx)

Please email me with any queries

[Final results summary](https://eaccl.webs.com/21.03.31-EACCL%2020-21%20Awards-results.xlsx)

**March 17th - Virtual Race 9 - Doorstep Dash with a twist**

Hopefully race 9 should be our last doorstep challenge & to try and put of sparkle into your Wed trot out we added the extra challenge of fancy dress for Comic Relief week. As usual several people joined in and didn't mind trotting around their home turf dressed up. Thank you.

The last race of the season should seem exciting, as the restrictions will allow some travel and groups of up to six, socially distanced runners. How exciting, so if you can incorporate Catton Park into your route or as your route that would be fabulous, if you are local to it.

Remember there won't be individual or team awards this season as we didn't have an entry fee this season to try and encourage people to participate virtually and with so many variations in route we couldn't do it on a fair basis. We will however be doing a "perfect 10" award for those completing all the races. We will have to ask for a fee for these unfortunately, more details to follow once we have completed the last race.

If you'd like to participate please register with Total Race Timing by clicking on this link - [Register for virtual races](https://totalracetiming.co.uk/register/https%253A%252F%252Ftotalracetiming.co.uk%252Frace%252F147) & remember you need to enter each race individually, races will be placed on Total Race Timing website entries open a couple of days before each race so please keep checking. I will also put a link on the Facebook page & email the non FB users.

**March 3rd - Virtual Race 8 - Doorstep Dash**

So race 8 was our 5th lockdown doorstep dash, one more to go before fingers crossed we can go back to groups of 6 and venture out again a little further. So a cool, dry and grey day as we headed out again for some more fun. Thanks you again for all the photos, keep it going.

So race 9 on March 17th please follow the same rules as race 8 and have some fun exploring the off road trails, parks and woodlands you have from your own home, without traveling. To add a little fun to the photo challenge it is comic relief on Friday 19th March so the crazy among you the added challenge is to wear some thing funny for money, I can think of several people who won't need to much persuasion to wear some fancy dress.

**February 17th - Virtual Race 7 - Doorstep Dash**

Doorstep dashing again under tier 5. Following Bojo's announcement this week the next two races will also be doorstep dashes but if we are really lucky the last race of the season maybe a real treat with groups of up to 6 socially distanced people. So fingers crossed.

Back to race 7 and what a lovely muddy day it was with everything looking so dirty after the previous weeks snow. In true league style we all got out and had some fun within the current rules. Thank you for your participation and the great photos.

Please follow the same rules for race 8 on the 3rd March and have some more fun exploring the off road trails, parks and woodlands you have from your own home, without traveling.

**February 3rd - Virtual Race 6 - Doorstep Dash**

So still in lock down tier 5 and trying to protect one another so that we can hopefully soon meet again, we headed into race 6. To add to the prolonged restrictions its been particularly wet and gloomy. So we asked again that no one traveled and you did the race from your doorstep to explore what you had so close to you. The pictures as usual were fabulous and bring a smile to our faces and we so appreciate you taking the current format of the league in the vein that its intended. Keep physically and mentally fit and have some fun. Your times are not so important this year hopefully next season you can unleash that speed and enjoy some good old fashion racing.

Please follow the same rules for race 7 on the 17th Feb and have some more fun exploring the off road trails, parks and woodlands you have from your own home, without traveling.

**January 26th - Virtual Race 5 - anywhere local, no travelling to participate**

Happy New Year, hope you are keeping safe and well. With the present situation worsening and the government placing us in tier 5 we again requested that you did not travel to participate in this event. Again thank you for doing this and for the photos showing us where you did this. Its nice to see the video clips to and enhances the values of the league so that we appreciate our health and well being in a safe way. It is a tough situation, hopefully we can fight it together. Keep up the great work and enjoy.

Race 6 takes place on 3rd February and we challenge you to do this as a doorstep dash to encourage everyone to keep it local. Again take time to have a crafty stop and take a picture or two. So no travelling to take part again.

**December 9th - Virtual Race 4 - anywhere local no travelling to participate**

So with a tighter lockdown, we requested that you explored your local lanes and trails for this event to keep within the guidelines. We thankyou for adhering to this. It does look like this will be the case for the next few races, so that we can get on top of this horrid virus and whilst the vaccine has time to be rolled out and be effective. It was great to see what we all have on our doorsteps. So please get your thinking caps on for the next few races, to see if you can show us some more beautiful places. So only run in socially distanced pairs at most, no travelling, and keep safe.

Hope you all had a great, safe Christmas and New Year and have all kept well. Please find attached the race results for race 4. We still have a couple of gaps to fill.

Race 5 will be on Wednesday the 20th January.

**November 18th - Virtual Race 3 - anywhere**

Race 3 which due to lockdown we aimed to keep as local as possible in pairs at max. Great to see so many lovely locations. Please remember this is a cross country league though so your routes need to be off road as much as possible. We can't accept any times that are mainly road based.

So this week the restrictions change and go back to 6 people social distancing, so we may have a little more fun for race 4 which should have been Whitwell. If heading to Whitwell remember that the route we normally use of done in part on private land that WE DO NOT have access to this year. So the part across the meadows in to the final lane can be bridged with a small road section.

Have fun and keep safe.

**November 4th - Virtual Race 2 - anywhere**

So we've completed race 2 virtually, lovely to see all the pictures on Facebook where you decided to run. A few of us did go to Whitlingham on the morning to complete our run. It was lovely to see so many random people completing the challenge too and having fun in the beautiful sunshine. Keep up the good work and enjoy yourselves and keep your spirits up. Remember for race 2 to only meet in pairs and follow up to date [covid lockdown rules](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#meeting-others-safely). We want to beat this thing as soon as we can so we can go back to having a proper league as soon as safely possible.

**October 14th - Virtual Race 1 - anywhere**

So with COVID dominating our lives, in true style we hatched a last minute plan to keep you occupied. At the 11th hour Jon Beverley of Total Race Timing stepped in to help Bobbie and myself out and enabling us to open the series to new members. Thank you Jon. As you know we run the league on a non profit, good will system with some fabulous team captains to encourage as many participants out on a Wednesday to join in the fun. So as the races currently need to be virtual we will continue with this theme by keeping it free until we can normally resume (what ever that form may be in the future).

So we went straight into race 1 trialling the plan. We've had a few niggles to iron out and hope we can do this in readiness for race 2. As soon as we have a link to race 2 we will document some instructions. We'd like to thank all those who took part and have attached the results. In the interim if you'd like to participate please register with Total Race Timing by clicking on this link - [Register for virtual races](https://totalracetiming.co.uk/register/https%253A%252F%252Ftotalracetiming.co.uk%252Frace%252F147) & remember you need to enter each race individually